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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: Notice of Intent to Participate in Ex Parte No. 658 – The 25th Anniversary of the
Staggers Rail Act of 1980: A Review and Look Ahead

Dear Mr. Williams:

Pursuant to the Board's Notice served on September 14, 2005, in the above-captioned proceeding, Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NS") provides notice of its intent to participate at the October 19, 2005 hearing. As directed by the Board's Notice, NS will file a written submission by October 12, 2005.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Scheib". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent. Below the signature, the name "John M. Scheib" is printed in a standard, black, sans-serif font.

John M. Scheib

**BEFORE THE
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

EX PARTE 658

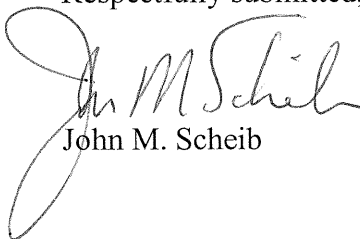
**HEARING ON THE
25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STAGGERS RAIL ACT OF 1980:
A REVIEW AND LOOK AHEAD**

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Pursuant to the Board's Notice served on September 14, 2005, in Ex Parte 658, Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NS") hereby provides notice of its intent to participate in the October 19, 2005 hearing. NS hereby provides the following information:

1. The party is Norfolk Southern Railway Company.
2. The expected witness is Mr. Stephen C. Tobias, Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer.
3. NS respectfully requests fifteen (15) minutes for Mr. Tobias's oral statement.
4. NS intends to discuss the significance of the Staggers Act and the challenges that it faces to serve its customers' growing demand for rail transportation.

Respectfully submitted,



John M. Scheib

October 6, 2005